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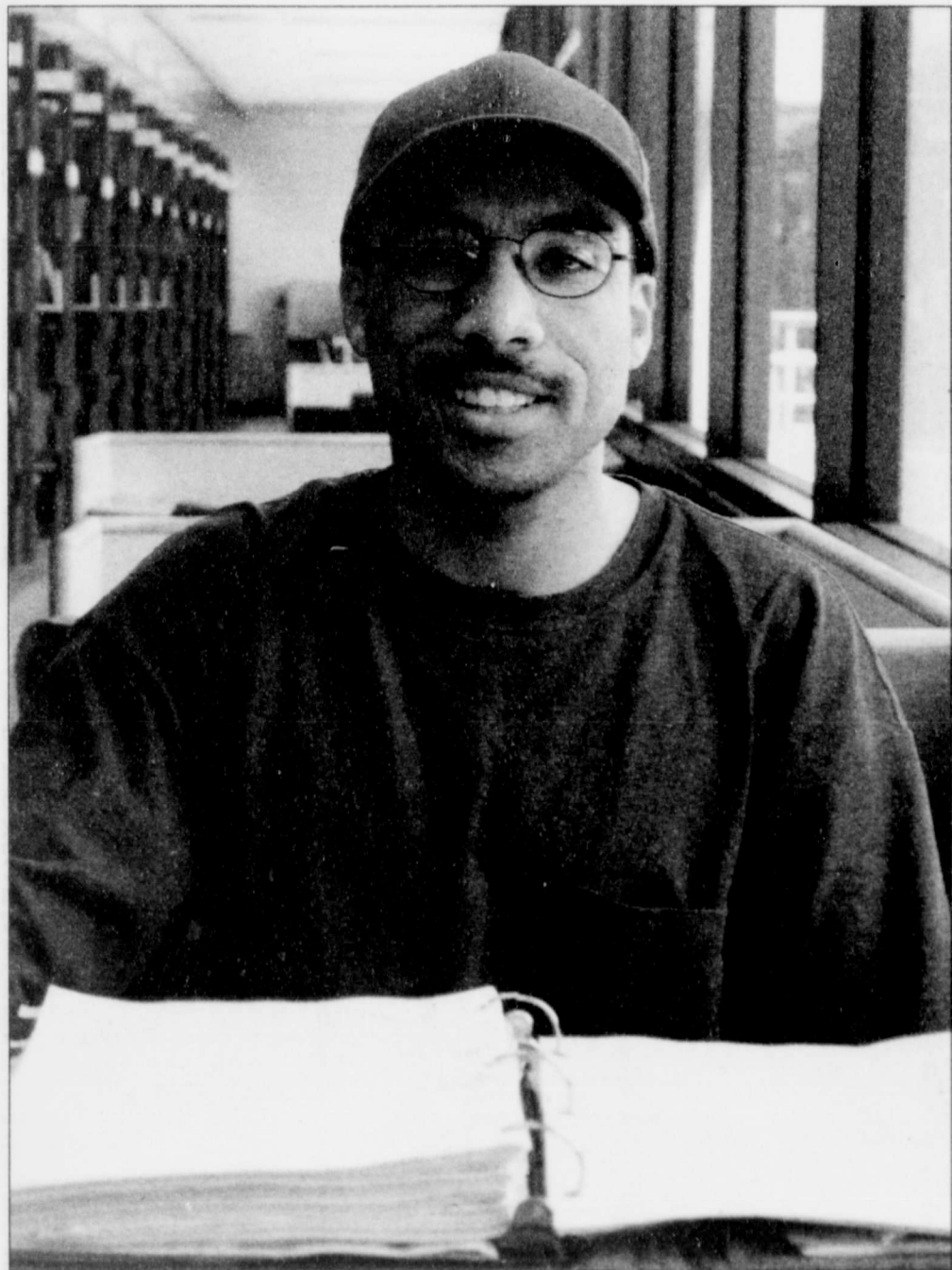
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## DRC STUDENT OF THE YEAR



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Aaron Lucero, hart at work, studies for his spring quarter finals.

## Taking teamwork to another level

Lauren Zahner  
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For Aaron Lucero, life is like a long-distance phone call. He speaks clearly and coherently, but his comprehension is delayed. The way he processes information is visible. At each moment of understanding, his head jerks straight up. As he replies, his body gradually relaxes until another stimulus is thrown at him. Despite what one might imagine as a frustrating and tiring disability, there is a kindness that never leaves his voice and he is eager to share his story.

"My disability is just a little bit of delayed speech processing," he said. "The challenge that I've had because of it includes my reading and comprehension remain below the college level and I always process information slowly. And I always continue to work hard."

Lucero's hard work is one of the reasons he was chosen for the Disability Resource Center (DRC)

Student of the Year Award, DRC Assistant Director Steven Krane said.

"He's probably one of the bravest, hardest working students I've ever seen in my 10 years here. He was kind of a unanimous decision," Krane said.

The DRC Student, Faculty and Administration of the Year Awards have no direct benefits, but they serve to recognize exceptional members of the Cal Poly and DRC community.

"Its purpose is to honor students who are really that outstanding, and in Aaron's case, being from an underrepresented background and a poor family," Krane said. Lucero is a first generation student from a working-class family.

Krane has also been Lucero's adviser for the past three years. Lucero remembered one of his first meetings with Krane.

"My adviser told me that he was a little worried that I may not be able to handle the quarter system and

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## Agriculture class learns wealth of knowledge from farming professional

Amy Dierdorff  
MUSTANG DAILY

A Cal Poly's organic agriculture class received a visit from renowned farmer, author, photographer and sustainable foods activist Michael Ableman Wednesday as part of his weekend tour of the Central Coast to help raise money for the Cal Poly Sustainable Agriculture Resource Consortium (SARC).

"I'm really pleased to see that this course exists," Ableman said, upon introducing himself to the students of the AG 315 class.

He talked to the class about the dire need for people to start focusing on preserving agricultural land and getting communities more involved with their local growers. He also stressed a need for improving the level of interest in organic farming.

"We are at a very critical crossroads in terms of food systems," Ableman said. "If we wait for pol-

icy-makers — the politicians — it may be too late."

Ableman is the founder and executive director of the Center for Urban Agriculture at Fairview Gardens, a nonprofit organization based on one of the oldest and most diverse organic farms in Southern California, which he helped to protect and cultivate for years. The farm serves as an educational center as well as a national model for small-scale and urban agriculture.

Ableman has no formal education in agriculture and learned how to raise crops by spending time on his grandparents' farm and by working at Fairview Gardens.

In the hour that we are here, 47 acres of prime agricultural land will have been developed.

Michael Ableman  
farmer, author and sustainable foods activist

He showed a series of slides of Fairview Gardens and pointed out how the land that was once surrounded by orchards and fields in 1954 had become surrounded by homes and shopping centers by 1998. Ableman explained that places like



COURTESY PHOTO

Michael Ableman is a renowned farmer, author, photographer and sustainable foods activist.

Fairview Gardens are extremely valuable and are becoming endangered by urban development.

"In the hour that we are here, 47 acres of prime agricultural land will have been developed," he said.

Ableman will be the guest of honor at SARC's second annual fund-raiser dinner, "A Taste of the

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## Preface opens its pages to incoming students, community with 'The Lovely Bones'

Brittney Peloquin  
MUSTANG DAILY

College students and members of the community finally have a chance to be on the same page this summer.

Preface: The Cal Poly Shared Reading Program welcomes all of San Luis Obispo County to join the campus in the unifying experience of reading this year's selection, "The Lovely Bones," by Alice Sebold.

Preface, which was first implemented in 2002, is part of the university's orientation program, WOW. Incoming freshmen and transfers are asked to read a pre-selected novel during the summer, which they review and discuss with



biggest that the Performing Arts Center had ever seen. As a result, the organizers decided to expand the program to the entire county. Libraries across all of San Luis Obispo County will hold volunteer-led discussions of the novel.

The program will enable students and residents of the county to

volunteer discussion facilitators during the Week of Welcome.

Last year, the program expanded city-wide to include community discussions of "The Kite Runner" by Khaled Hosseini at the San Luis Obispo City-County Library. There was an enormous response. When the program culminated with the author's visit, the audience was the

share in one experience. Preface Coordinator Patricia Ponce said it is a good venue for interaction.

"We hope to get the same level of participation," she said. "It's a good opportunity for both entities to enjoy reading and enjoy each other."

Some students who participated in the program said they were glad to have a chance to get a head start on the Cal Poly learning experience.

"I think it was a good way to start college-level discussions," said computer science freshman Brian Oppenheim.

Ponce said that about 70 percent of students said they read the entire novel. This year she expects the students to respond just as well because the novel they have selected will appeal to many people, due to the issues it tackles.

The best-selling novel, "The

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## Award

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upper division classes. But after a couple quarters, I think I have proven that I can succeed," Lucero said.

Lucero strives for a 2.0 to 2.5 GPA each quarter and since enrolling as a DRC student, he has only missed the mark once. Now, after four years at Cal Poly, he'll be graduating in June with an economics degree and a concentration in marketing. He already has three associates of arts degrees from Allan Hancock College.

After graduation, Lucero said he wants to find his first full-time job in retail, marketing research or advertising so he can move out of his parents' house in Arroyo Grande. Eventually he wants to live in either Northern or Southern California, but will stay in the area for the time being.

"The disability does not hamper his intelligence. He really has incredible ability and comprehension," marketing professor Jeffrey Danes said.

Another of Lucero's marketing professors, Brian Tietje, described him as enthusiastic, conscientious and fun.

"He works extremely hard. He has an extremely positive attitude and he's tireless," Tietje said. "He's had to interact in a team environment with students of different abilities and backgrounds. He's worked with projects that are extremely

challenging and require a lot of time and effort. He's had to adapt his pace of learning with my pace of instructing and they don't always match."

For his senior project last fall, Lucero and six other students worked with Honda North America and EdVenture Partners on a research program competition. His team tied with San Diego State University for first place, winning the Orfalea College of Business a \$1,000 prize.

"While I've been a DRC student for the past three and a half years, it has helped me be a better student in my classes," Lucero said noting that the center allows him to take more time on tests. "I know that if it didn't exist I probably would have already been kicked out of Cal Poly."

Not only did the center help Tietje understand and appreciate Lucero's background, it provided him with ideas for accommodating Lucero's needs in the classroom.

"They provide support to help me work with various special circumstances," Tietje said.

Students enrolled at the center, like Lucero, have the opportunity to take advantage of several services. These include academic advising, temporary medical parking, on-campus transportation, sign language interpreters, writing skills assistance and note-taking.

"I think it's fulfilling to help someone else in my class out," said Amy Kilpatrick, a kinesiology freshman. "I decided to become a note-taker because no one had decided to do it yet and I wanted to help peo-

ple do well in the class because I didn't want them to not get the notes they need."

Kilpatrick described the center as a "friendly place to be." The building is clean and bright with cheerful receptionists. On the walls hang framed chalk drawings of great people like Franklin D. Roosevelt who had polio and Albert Einstein who had dyslexia.

Privacy is an important issue at the DRC. Being enrolled will not show up on students' transcripts.

"We protect students' privacy because it's the right thing to do," Krane said, but also noted the legality of the issue according to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. "The whole privacy structure, it's designed so students do seek help, not to scare them away."

The center has helped Danes become more aware of the specialized needs of students by stressing that no one is the same.

"I tend to see students more as individuals. It reminds me that students are unique and there's no one correct model student," Danes said.

Cal Poly is comprised of individuals like Lucero, who rides his bicycle to campus from the outskirts of Avila, collects cans, plastic and glass for recycling and has the astounding ability to remember almost anyone's birthday.

"The opportunity to know Aaron as a student has been a tremendous pleasure and it's affected me beyond my role as a professor. It's affected me as a person," Danes said.

## Agriculture

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Future, with Roots in the Past," to be held on Thursday evening at Rancho Arroyo Grande Winery and Vineyards.

All the money raised will enable SARC to continue providing educational programs in organic and sustainable agriculture for farmers, students and community members, said Hunter Francis, a program coordinator for SARC at Cal Poly.

Ableman's time in San Luis Obispo also includes a book signing for his newest book "Fields of Plenty" at Barnes and Noble bookstore on Marsh Street, Wednesday from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

and at Splash Café on Monterey Street on Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. He will also visit Cal Poly's organic farm on Thursday morning at 9:30 a.m.

Ableman is the author of three books on organic and traditional farming methods, based on his experience through conservation work and world travels. He has lectured throughout the United States and Europe. Ableman's articles have appeared in National Geographic, the Utne Reader, Gourmet Magazine and on National Public Radio's "All Things Considered." An award-winning film about Ableman's work, "Beyond Organic," narrated by Meryl Streep, aired nationally on PBS in 2001.



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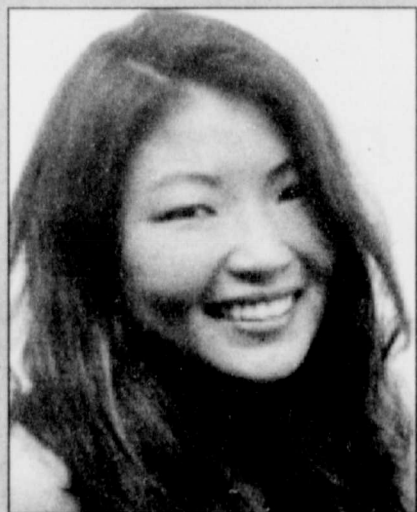
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## The Face of



## Cal Poly

**Name:** Carolyn Cozzi • **Year:** senior  
**Hometown:** Fresno • **Major:** recreation administration

### Favorites

**Animal:** Panda  
**Drink:** Peachy  
**Bar:** The Library

### If You Could ...

— go anywhere in the world, where and why?

Korea, so I could go back to my roots because that was where I was born.

— Live in any time period, which one and why?

I'd like to live during the Depression era to have a better understanding of the struggles other people went through. I'd be able to appreciate the time I live in now a lot more.

### Other

— Shout out: To the 559, the TKEs, the NAKs, and of course, the Thetas!

## WHO SAID THAT?

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— Eleanor Roosevelt

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3pm	K	Nam	Rosa	Stackie	Psychedelic	Alex	Erik O.	3pm
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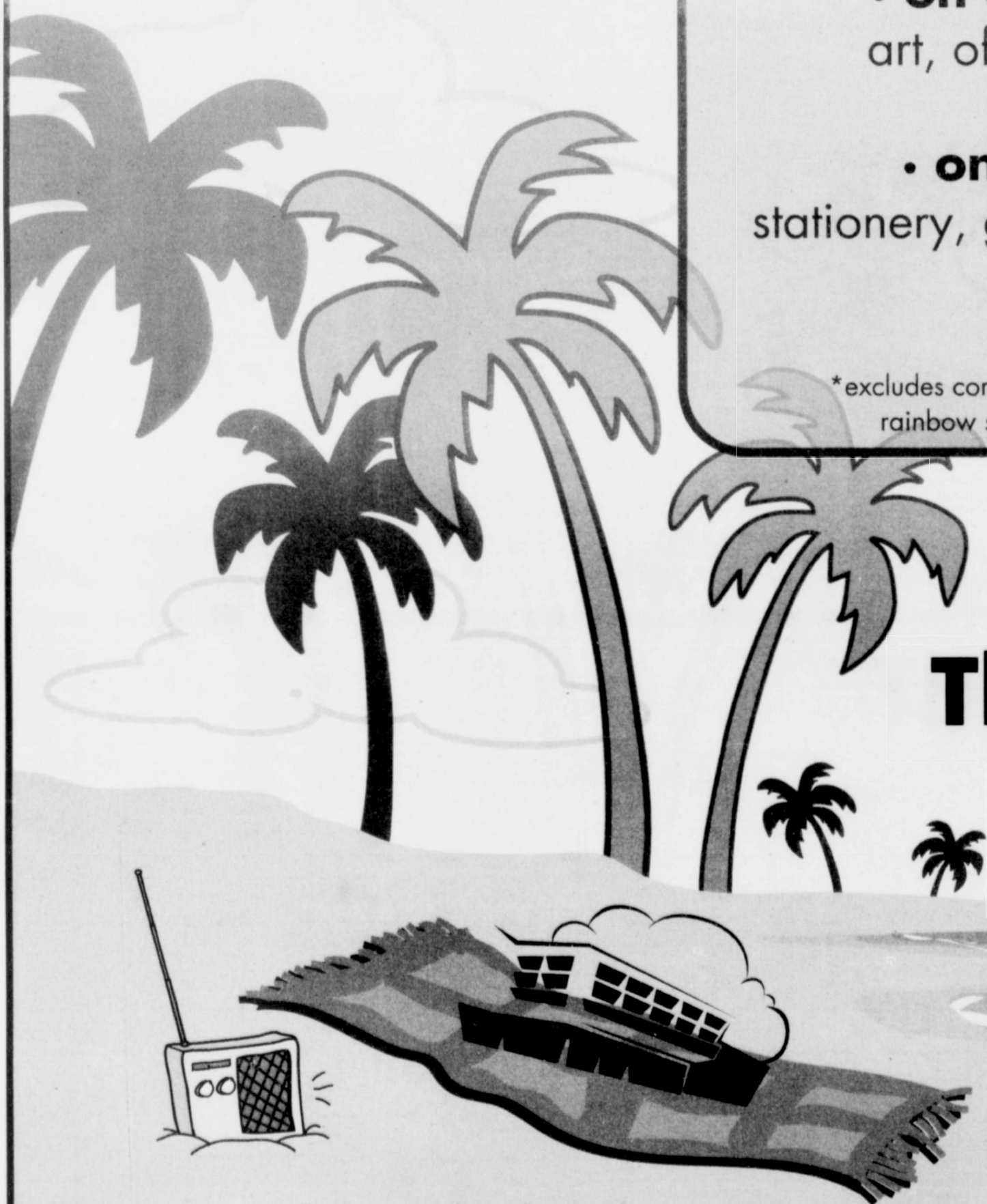
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State briefs

FDA ruling first step to cheaper biotech drugs

**TORRANCE** — A burger-wielding statue taken from a Bob's Big Boy restaurant was found at a nearby school.

The statue disappeared early Saturday and was discovered atop the roof of South High School on Tuesday morning.

School officials suspect it was a pre-graduation prank by seniors.

"There's a handful of seniors walking around really proud of themselves right now," Principal Scott McDowell said.

Students implicated in the latest prank could be suspended or barred from graduation ceremonies, he said.

— *The Associated Press*

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**RICHMOND** — Police shot and killed a man after a five-mile car chase that ended in a fight with an officer, authorities said.

San Pablo police were attempting to stop a car for reckless driving when the vehicle sped off. The vehicle crashed, and an occupant ran away.

The officer caught the man, and the two struggled. The officer shot the man during the fight, according to Richmond police Lt. Enos Johnson.

Neither the dead man nor the officer was identified.

— *The Associated Press*

**Paul Elias**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

**SAN FRANCISCO** — The approval of the generic form of a biotechnology drug rekindled fierce debate within the pharmaceutical industry and Washington over how federal regulators should handle similar applications as patents expire on billions of dollars worth of drugs.

The high cost of biotechnology medicines — some fetch more than \$100,000 annually per patient — have made them an attractive target for generic manufacturers. But Food and Drug Administration officials say they don't have the authority to approve biotech knockoffs and insisted its approval Tuesday was of a "follow-on protein product" rather than a generic drug.

Further, the FDA said on its Web site that its approval of the medicine for children with growth disorders Tuesday night "does not establish a pathway for approval" and said Congress needs to pass legislation to give the agency such authority.

Still, generic proponents said the FDA's action opened the door to generic competition in the biotechnology industry, which is expected to have \$60 billion in annual drug sales by 2010.

"This is clearly a model for gaining approval of generic biologics," said Kathleen Jaeger, chief executive of the Generic Pharmaceutical Association. "FDA has finally acknowledged that science supports the approval of biologic generics."

Jaeger said the association is working with lawmakers to introduce legislation specifically authorizing FDA to approve biotech generics. Similar proposed legislation has stalled previously.

The newly approved drug called Omnitrope made by Novartis A.G.'s generics subsidiary Sandoz is a knock off of the drug Genotropin made by Pfizer Inc., which opposed the application. Analysts expect Omnitrope to be offered about 25 percent cheaper than Genotropin and win a large portion of Pfizer's annual sales of \$808 million human growth hormone.

"We are reviewing FDA's actions to determine if further action is warranted or appropriate," Pfizer said in a statement. "We believe it would be scientifically and legally improper for FDA to rely on clinical and manufacturing information for Genotropin as a basis for approving Sandoz's somatropin product (Omnitrope)."

The lobbying outfit Biotechnology Industry Organization has argued for more stringent, lengthy and expensive testing of generic biologic drugs than traditional medicines. BIO said Wednesday it doesn't comment

on specific product approvals but affirmed it call for more extensive human testing of generic biotechnology medicines.

"Unlike traditional drugs, biologics are complex substances produced using living organisms," said BIO chief executive Jim Greenwood.

The Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, which represents drug companies, said it's reviewing the FDA's decision.

Most biotechnology drugs are newer and more complex to make than traditional medicines. The FDA is precluded from approving generic versions of biotech drugs by the same law that enabled it to swiftly approve generic versions of traditional pharmaceutical medicines.

At the heart of the conflict is sharp disagreement over how to determine generic biotech drugs are as safe and effective as their brand-name counterparts. Biotechnology drugs are typically made in living cells through genetic engineering, making it near impossible to make exact generic copies of living things. Traditional pharmaceuticals, on the other hand, are made from off-the-shelf chemicals and are easily reproduced generically.

Generic drug makers have to simply show the FDA that their pills are equivalent to their brand-name counterparts. The biotechnology industry argues that generic manufacturers should be required to conduct lengthy and costly human tests of its drugs before getting approval.

A federal judge in April ordered the FDA to promptly act on Sandoz' application after the company filed a lawsuit demanding action on its application. Now that it has won, the company said generic biotechnology drugs in the United States will be key growth driver for Sandoz.

"The approval of Omnitrope is a major step forward in bringing needed clarity to the approval process for follow-on biotechnology medicines in the U.S.," Sandoz chief executive Andreas Rummelt said.



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## National briefs

**COLUMBUS, Ohio** — The Ohio Supreme Court on Wednesday threw out the death sentence of a man who strangled and stomped a 76-year-old man during a robbery, saying the killer's chaotic childhood with abusive parents, along with other factors, outweighed the crime's brutality.

The 4-3 opinion also noted that Troy Tenace, 44, expressed remorse when he confessed to police in 1994, and that if he receives the maximum sentence, he won't be eligible for parole until age 96.

Any one factor alone would not have resulted in reversing the death sentence, but the combination of the three is enough to argue for prison over execution, the majority said.

— The Associated Press

**ATLANTA** — Delta Air Lines Inc., the nation's third-largest carrier, cleared a hurdle Wednesday when its pilots approved an agreement with the company that calls for \$280 million in annual concessions. A bankruptcy court judge will have the final say. The vote by the Atlanta-based airline's rank-and-file pilots was 61 percent in favor, the union said in a memo to pilots.

— The Associated Press

## Coin dealer admits illegally funneling donations to Bush

John Seewer  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

**TOLEDO, Ohio** — A coin dealer and prominent GOP fundraiser at the center of an Ohio political scandal pleaded guilty Wednesday to federal charges he illegally funneled donations to President Bush's re-election campaign.

Tom Noe, once a powerful political figure who also raised money for Ohio Republicans, still is charged with embezzlement in an ill-fated \$50 million coin investment that he managed for the state workers' compensation fund.

The investment scandal has been a major embarrassment for Ohio's ruling Republicans and given Democrats a better shot at winning state offices this year, including the governor's office, which has been under GOP control since 1991.

Investigators do not know whether Noe used money from the state coin fund for campaign contributions.

Noe was charged with exceeding federal campaign contribution limits, using others to make the contributions and causing the Bush campaign to submit a false campaign-finance statement.

Noe, accused of arranging a contribution scheme to raise \$50,000 for Bush, said Wednesday that he pleaded guilty to "spare my family and many dear friends" the ordeal of a

trial.

Noe, 51, has been free on bond since he was indicted in October and is living in Florida. He faces up to five years in prison on each of three counts and a combined maximum of \$950,000 in fines.

Federal prosecutors said in October that the case was the largest campaign money-laundering scheme prosecuted under the 2002 campaign finance reform law, which set limits on donations.

Prosecutors said Noe gave \$45,400 directly or indirectly to 24 friends and associates, who made the campaign contributions in their own names, allowing him to skirt the \$2,000 limit on individual contributions.

Noe wrote several checks just under the cap to avoid suspicion, according to prosecutors. All of the checks were written in the eight days leading up to a fundraiser in October 2003 at a downtown Columbus hotel.

Authorities said Bush's campaign committee was unaware of the alleged contribution scheme and unknowingly submitted a false campaign report to the Federal Election Commission.

Among the people who donated money that came from Noe were several Toledo-area officeholders and a former mayor. A lawyer for three said they were not in danger of being charged because they cooperated with investigators.

In the other case, Noe has pleaded not guilty to a charge of stealing at least \$1 million from the coin investment. A trial is scheduled for Aug. 29.

## Bush troubled by allegations of Marines' involvement in alleged murders of Iraqi civilians



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Marines from the Kilo Company (pictured) are under investigation in the killings of up to two dozen civilians in Haditha in Nov. 2005. The allegations threaten to undermine the military's efforts in Iraq.

Nedra Pickler  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

**WASHINGTON** — President Bush promised on Wednesday that any Marines involved in the alleged murders of Iraqi civilians will be punished. A senior officer said the case could undermine Iraqis' support for the presence of American troops.

"I am troubled by the initial news stories," Bush said in his first public comments about the deaths of about two dozen civilians at Haditha last January. "I'm mindful that there's a thorough investigation going on. If in fact, laws were broken, there will be punishment."

Military investigators have evidence that points toward unpro-

voked murders by Marines, a senior defense official said last week.

The shootings came after a bomb rocked a military convoy on Nov. 19, killing a Marine. Residents of Haditha said Marines then went into nearby houses and shot members of two families, including a 3-year-old girl.

At first, the American military described what happened as an ambush on a joint U.S.-Iraqi patrol, with a roadside bombing and subsequent firefight killing 15 civilians, eight insurgents and a Marine. The statement said the 15 civilians were killed by the blast, a claim the residents strongly denied.

With some in Congress alleging a cover-up, the Bush administration offered assurances the facts will be made public.

Bush's spokesman, Tony Snow, urged patience as the Marines conduct what he called a vigorous investigation. He said a report will come out in "a matter of weeks, not a matter of months" and include public release of photographic evidence. "We're going to see everything," Snow said.

Once that investigation is completed, a senior Marine commander in Iraq will decide whether to press charges of murder or other violations of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

At the Pentagon, Army Brig. Gen. Carter Ham would not discuss any aspect of the probe, but he stressed the potential harm caused by allegations alone.

"Allegations such as this, regardless of how they are borne out by the facts, can have an effect on the ability of U.S. forces to continue to operate," said Ham, a deputy operations director for the Joint Staff and a former commander of U.S. forces in northern Iraq.

"We do rely very heavily — and more importantly, the Iraqi security forces rely heavily — on the support from the Iraqi people," Ham said. "And anything that tends to diminish that, obviously, is not helpful to what we're trying to do."

The toll of Iraqi civilians climbed on Wednesday when two women, including one being taken to a maternity hospital, died when coalition troops shot at a car that failed to stop at an observation post in a city north of Baghdad. The U.S. military said the vehicle entered a clearly marked prohibited area but failed to obey repeated warnings.

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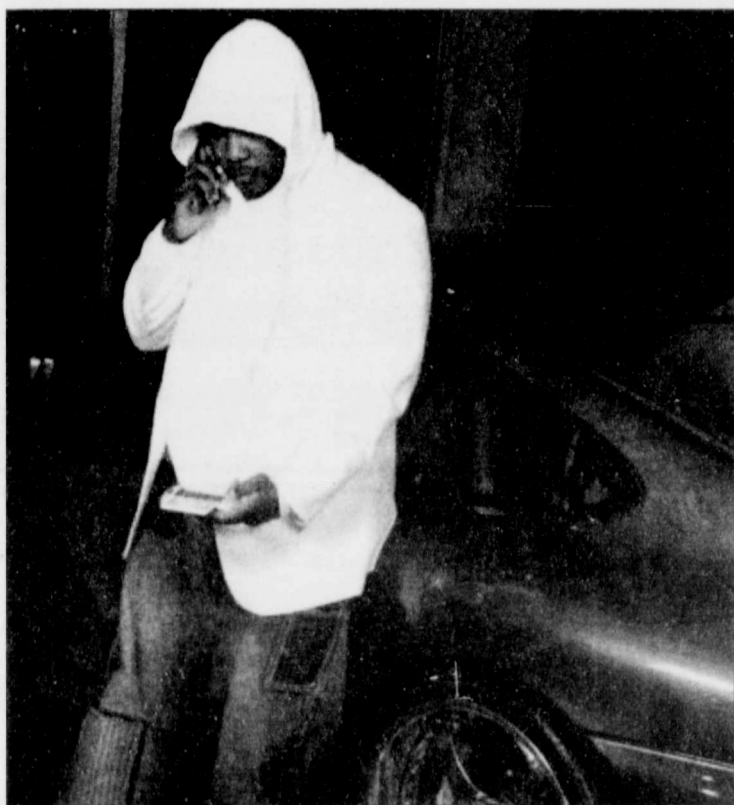
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## SLO to get K.O.'d tonight



**Kid Official returns to his roots to open for Sir-Mix-A-Lot at Downtown Brew tonight.**

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**Amy Asman**  
MUSTANG DAILY

Before '90s sensation Sir-Mix-A-Lot belts out his infamous rap about the female derrière, homegrown wonder Kid Official (K.O.) will take the stage tonight at Downtown Brew.

An aspiring singer-song writer originally from Arroyo Grande, K.O. specializes in dance breakdowns and remixes. Since his musical debut in 2000, he has worked with multiple Hollywood hotshots including Britney Spears, Destiny's Child and The Pussycat Dolls.

"I'm mainly a song writer and occasionally an artist," K.O. said. "And I'm very excited to see everyone here (in San Luis Obispo) because I don't get to come home too often, especially in this capacity."

According to his profile on MySpace.com, K.O. began working in the music industry straight out of high school when he assembled an "eclectic, Central Coast-based, hip-hop group and dubbed it The Danjarus Syndicate." The group recorded its first album, "The Alpha Project," in 2001 and sold more than 1,500 copies locally.

The album's success gave K.O. and his group members sizable name recognition in Hollywood and after almost a year of recording together, they decided to work on individual projects.

Since then, K.O. has written background vocals for Britney Spears' Onyx Hotel Tour and even opened for Destiny's Child.

"The biggest thing I've ever done was open for Destiny's Child. I was performing for over 50,000 people," K.O. said.

When asked how he would describe his musical style K.O. said, "I draw from a whole mix of (different styles), like Jay-Z and Outkast. And then I'm really into the fun element like Nelly."

Downtown Brew opens its doors at 8 p.m. and the concert starts at 9 p.m. Tickets for the "21 and over" show are available at Boo Boo Records. For more information, visit [www.myspace.com/one8one6](http://www.myspace.com/one8one6).

## Dance troupe to sweep audience off its feet

**Kelly Cope**  
MUSTANG DAILY

Variable Velocity, a San Luis Obispo-area performance group, will be whirling audiences off their feet tomorrow through the weekend at 8 p.m. in the Spanos Theatre on campus with their performance entitled "From the Mundane to the Sublime."

Directed by Diana Stanton, a Cal Poly dance professor and Jude Clark Warnisher, the group strives for stirring performances within the alternative contemporary dance genre.

According to the group's Web site, Variable Velocity presents a "powerful performance that bursts at the seams with raw athleticism, emotional immediacy, and kinetic wit. The choreography challenges the intellect, expands the aesthetic norms of dance, and enlivens the stage with unique movement invention."

Stanton categorizes the show as "a modern dance performance," with "eight pieces unified in theme, bringing the everyday world to a very artistic performance," she said.

Incorporated into the night's pieces will be film, live music, slides, guest artists from Southern California and live vocals from Inga Swearingen, a 2002 music graduate from Cal Poly.

Stanton also added that a humor element will also



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be apparent.

"There will be lots of surprises, for sure," she said.

The group officially got its start in January 2001, but Stanton and Warnisher had already been choreographing dances for shows outside the San Luis Obispo area. Seeking to escape the "commercial" dance popular in the county, they formed Variable Velocity.

Originally, the company started with a small group, but has now grown to about 14 members, with about 20 to 25 people involved in the final production of the show. The group also includes some current Cal Poly students and alumni.

Tickets for the performance are \$20 for adults and \$14 for students, on sale now at the PAC ticket office.

## Preface

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Lovely Bones," puts a unique spin on the coming-of-age tale. It's a story about a 14-year-old girl, Susie Salmon, who is violently killed. She tells her story from her perspective in heaven, watching her family and friends react to her death. The New York Times review said the story "is one of hope, set against grim reality." Sebold addresses ideas about family, memories, love and loss — all issues that new university students are con-

sidering as well.

Like last year, the program will culminate with a free public reading and presentation by the author on Thursday, Oct. 12 at 7 p.m. in the PAC.

Cal Poly students represented about half of the overflowing audience when Hosseini visited in the fall.

Oppenheim commented that the author's appearance really added to his understanding of the book.

"I think it was important the author came, especially since it was

such a controversial book," he said. "Hosseini's talk definitely clarified some confusing parts of the book and helped explain his reasons for writing the novel."

The program is currently recruiting volunteer discussion leaders, as well as support from businesses or individuals who wish to donate to the program.

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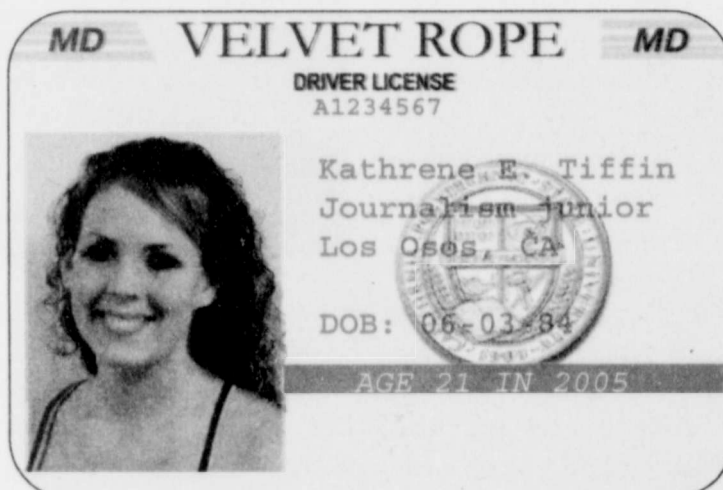
As graduation for many super-seniors is approaching, some of us less fortunate juniors are stuck on this wonderful campus for another year of educational bliss.

Many of my friends will be graduating in a week and leaving me to fend for myself during times of senioritis (I hear it is a serious situation), procrastination, loneliness and most of all, confusion.

As they get ready to flip their tassel and I get ready to buy another \$90 parking pass, I asked them what they thought will make my senior year easier and some things that I should or should not do to help my last year on this amazing campus be one of fun and enjoyment instead of stress, anxiety and disappointment.

I knew the challenges I had this past year from difficult teachers to 7 a.m. classes and yes, even having my face swell up from those lovely bees on campus, so any advice they could offer I was happy to hear.

First of all, everyone keeps telling me to spread my units out equally instead of overload myself the final quarter and to definitely not drop classes. It seems obvious enough, but try to stick out the tough class in the beginning, because once those 10 weeks are over, more than likely it will be a huge relief knowing that class is behind you instead of included in your final two quar-



ters of grueling classes.

Secondly, enjoy the time with your friends now while you can. If I wanted I could take this a different way and just hang out with people all the time and never do

was not the happiest time for either of us, but it was his fault for assuming he knew everything.

Fourthly, do your senior project as early as possible. This is next to impossible for a lot of people, but since it is a big time consumer, the sooner you get it done the more time you have to focus on other academic

areas before graduation.

Finally, don't skip classes. So many people as they get into the home stretch of their college career basically give up and don't worry about their grades. They lose sight in what is important and give into drinking, partying, sleeping and procrastination. As tempting as this may be, if you have to do it, do it in moderation.

Isn't making the dean's list a little more exciting than making a margarita? From what I hear, the dean's list lasts longer too.

Well, for all of the upcoming seniors, good

luck. I have spent four years in college so far and I don't want to give into senioritis to give up everything I have worked so hard for.

I'll be having fun times during the next three quarters, and I am far from an academic nerd, but I will be the loser who does the homework and comes to class.

But hey, at least I know I will be walking down that aisle on time and with a better GPA than a 2.0., hopefully, and trying to make my senior year be just that, only a year.

**I have spent four years in college so far and I don't want to give into senioritis to give up everything I have worked so hard for.**

my homework, but I don't think my parents would appreciate those grades very much and neither would I. From what I hear, college life and the real-world life are vastly different as sleeping in becomes a little more difficult, bummer.

Thirdly, see your advisor early. Don't wait until the quarter before graduation to discuss your plans with your advisor. They don't have the final say in everything and the disappointment one of my friends experienced when he found out he would not be graduating on time

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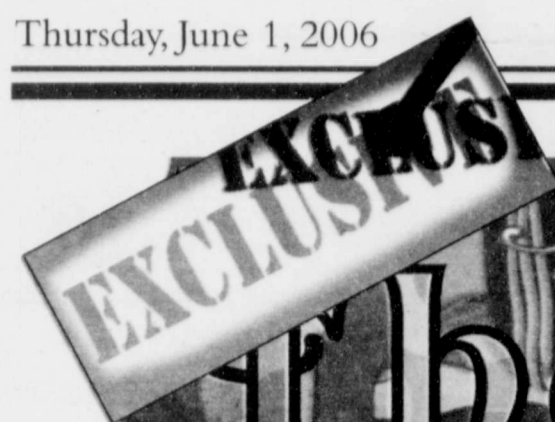
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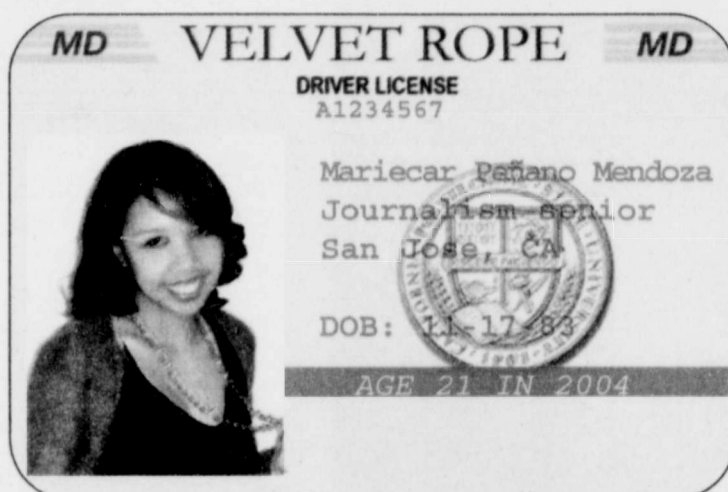
## Welcome to 'Club Alum'

It is 1:01 a.m. and "Late Night with Conan O'Brien" is blaring from my television. But it's not Conan's jokes that are keeping me awake, nor is it the screen's glow or my computer's hum.

It's this darn thing: The goodbye. The adieu. The farewell.

I knew it was near; shoot, I cursed that it couldn't come sooner. But now that graduation is only days away, my eyes are glued to my computer screen hoping letters will appear, come together and make sense of all that I have lived through in my journey — no, my odyssey — that is "the college life." I mean, I don't want to leave college without providing some words of wisdom to those who must continue contorting themselves to fit in those miniature torturing devices the university calls desks.

But to do so, I have to reflect on how I have reached this point in my life. *Hmmm, how did I get here?* Aww yes, I know: Family, friends,



FAFSA and an understanding that for every hour you bust your butt for school equals two hours of having fun after school. I'm not trying to lure the Ferris Bueller out in everyone, nor am I recruiting for AA, I'm just warning every student after the class of 2006: You must have fun! Whether it's a long, blurry night at Black Sheep or a belly-aching, sober night at Boomers, everyone needs to laugh

**... I'm going to pass a different velvet rope; the kind where you flash that class ring to show you are a regular at "Club Alum."**

and make memories. If you don't, you risk spontaneously combusting.

Now, with that said, I exhale and think of my future with utter glee.

Don't get me wrong, I'm as scared as the next graduating senior, but I'm also insanely excited. In a matter of 11 days, I will be a full-fledged adult. I know

I've got past many-a-bar's velvet rope since I turned 21 in 2004, but now I'm going to pass a different kind of velvet rope; the kind where you flash that class ring to show you are a regular at "Club Alum."

Sure, I will no longer have the comfort of knowing I have a safety net, but knowing I can potentially go splat all over the pavement if I fall gives me a surprising rush of adrenaline. Sounds sadistic, I know, but what a challenge! This is what my parents have dreamed for me, what I have been training for all my life, what Cal Poly has been preparing me for — this is my last curtain call for this one epic performance ... and I am ready.

## I'm a graduate, not a grandma

I feel old. Some days I look in the mirror and I see a woman I do not know and wonder where the 16-year-old me is.

Oh my God, I am turning into my mother. I blame the sweater sets I wear to meet the dress code of my internship and to look professional as a tutor. But it is more than that, my nightly highlights include still getting home in time to make dinner, cleaning my bathroom and paying my bills.

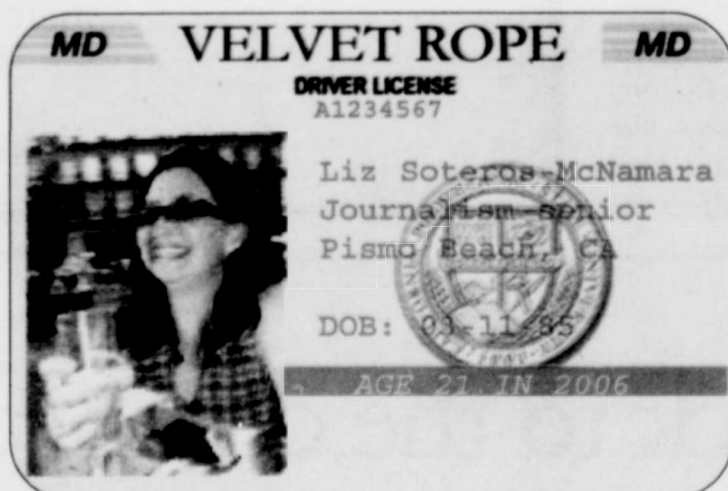
Life is moving too fast. Internships, senior project, my job, that thing I want called a career — all coming toward me at 110 mph. Forget movies like "Legally Blonde" and "Animal House"; I never had time for anything that exciting.

A few weeks ago, I mailed out all my graduation invites and I felt like that took obsessive amounts of "me time."

Wasn't college supposed to be glamorous? What about all those great stories college recruiters fill Web sites with, or all those profiles from catalogs you get from schools that liked your SAT scores.

Now, at 21 years old I will be done with this chapter of my life and onto something else. What else is there?

When Richard Kipling, an editor at the Los Angeles Times, spoke to the journalism department in March, he



**Living life counts more than planning for a life you might not live out anyway.**

eral times, often depending on my mood or what others suggested.

But I have developed a philosophy on life that serves me well. Those who are happiest in life recognize that we are unto a purpose bigger than ourselves. Everyone

in this world makes a difference and matters to someone.

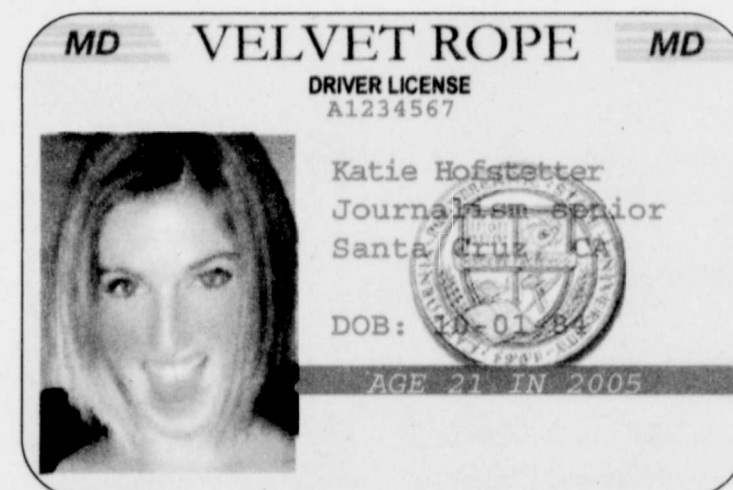
Good manners always outperform good breeding to strangers. It might even make them your friends. Say "thank you" and tell people

that you love them whenever you get the chance.

Those are just ways to live life, not plan ahead. Living life counts more than planning for a life you might not live out anyway.

Thirty is too far for me to plan right now. So, I chose to plan for today and embrace it as the best thing ever. Because now is what I have to work with, even with the yucky sweater sets.

## Walking the plank of graduation



As a graduating senior, there is one question that I hate above all else. It's the dreaded, "What are your plans for next year?"

Each time I hear it, I have to pause for a minute, allowing the "Dodgeball"-style bit of throw-up that has entered my throat to subside, and forcing back the word vomit that plagued Lindsay Lohan's character in "Mean Girls" so that a slew of profanities won't spit out of my mouth and land in the ears of the questioner.

After that ritual is completed, I usually try to mask the taste of vomit, both word and real, before answering with "I'm not quite sure yet."

What I really want to do as a response to this hateful, hateful question is walk away, hang up or answer with "I plan on sleeping in until noon each and every day and watching 'Dodgeball' and 'Mean Girls' on repeat to fill my afternoons."

Unfortunately, Cal Poly doesn't offer a major in laziness, and while I've heard more than once that a journalism degree is the next best thing, I'd be inclined to disagree. Engineering is.

OK, well maybe not. But I can't help feeling a hint of disdain for the engineering majors who are met with a plethora of prospective employers at any job fair.

Yes, we're a polytechnic university, and yes, your major is accredited. Big whoop.

But the truth is, I'm not mad at the questioners, or the engineers. I'm anxious because I don't have an answer yet.

This is the first time I've ever really had to plan anything so important, and I don't even know where to start. Is it best to decide where to live and then look for a job? Or find a job first and then relocate accordingly?

With senior project deadlines to meet, finals to study for and graduation announcements to send out, the last thing I need to be worrying about is the rest of my life.

Thus is the burden of graduation and total independence.

The move to college marked the loss of a curfew, the all-important 18th birthday and later the most-important 21st birthday — all the pros of independent life.

With graduation come the cons: the full-time job, the rent check and the insurance policy.

Whatever elation my parents are feeling for their financial freedom I am feeling equally in fear for the responsibilities that come with being entirely on my own.

And each time I hear the dreaded question, the fear is recognized once again because really, I don't have a plan yet.

So as the date of graduation draws nearer, instead of running toward the finish line, I'm hesitantly walking a plank into the harsh waters of the unknown. I can't help but feel that my celebration of the end is tainted by the realization that I'm only just arriving at the starting line.

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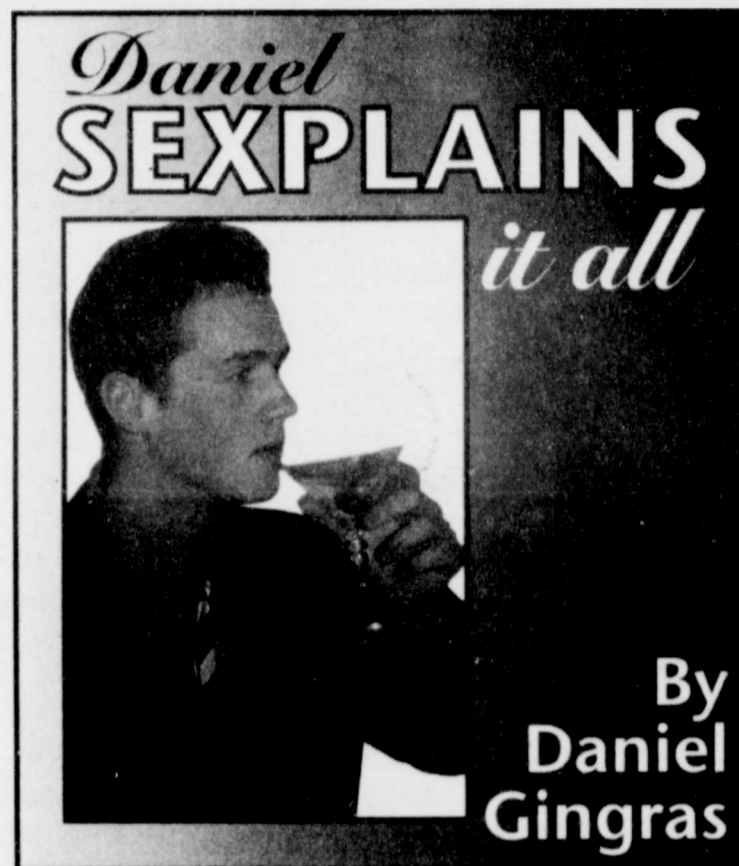
**SEX COLUMN**

# What a kick to the balls

**G**irls will often complain of the sensitivity of their bosoms. It's not that I parade around roughhousing tit-ties, it's just that I've noticed an accidental lateral nudge is enough to rile them into grimaced claims about pain that's the feminine equivalent to a kick to the balls.

No, madame, breasts are not your equivalent to balls. Those are called "ovaries," and, fortunately for you, they are tucked away in your stomach cavity, where they are immune from dodgeballs and little boys' feet. I had the revelation at the age of 10, lying face up beneath the monkey bars that, if I were a luckier man, my testicles never would have dropped. By the time boys reach the age of 16, studies show that two out of five will have endured a forceful kick to the groin, each one more painful than any inconvenient jiggling you may have felt in your chest. And that statistic is probably higher when you consider dangers outside of bullying.

As the distinguished owner of a nutsack, I would like to tell you a short story about pain. The scene is the bewitching hour, one Friday night. While balancing on a fencepost, alcohol and masculinity have combined to create the imagined belief that I am NBA superstar Earl Boykins preparing for a 42-inch vertical leap. The cigar in my mouth emits a jet-like trail of smoke as I whoosh through the air toward the adjacent roof ledge, and I clasp the shingles in a climactic moment worthy of a cymbal crash. My drink-laden motor skills fail at the task, and I plummet toward earth, painfully subject to Newton's laws. Though a picket fence stopped earth and my testicles from ever meeting, a meeting three weeks in duration was held between black and blue on my



scrotum.

The male testes, which dangle precariously from the body like those fragile glass Christmas balls we break one of every year from the tree, are covered in pressure sensitive nerves capable of detecting small amounts of force and amplifying the feeling of any contact made.

The female breast, on the other hand, consists of fat, fibrous connective tissue, fat, milk tubes, lymph vessels and fat. Fat, besides being stored energy, is medically described as a cushion for our vital organs to protect them from trauma.

Wait, girls are complaining about being hit in cushioning, and comparing it to taking a blow to hypersensitive capsules of the essence of life? Seems like if I'd have only had a pair of tits to protect my testicles, I wouldn't have walked funny for a month after my fence ride, or had to wear that pinching jockstrap in junior high baseball. And I certainly don't see

women being made to wear protective boob-straps to defend their so called liabilities.

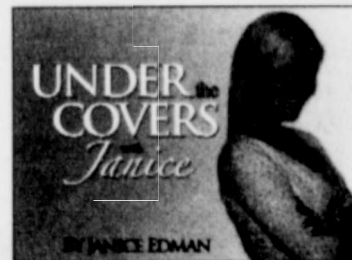
But ladies, I cannot overlook birth, or as I like to call it, "The Ultimate Pain" or "The Biological Stretching Contest." At the time of delivery, your uterus is 25 times its pregnancy size, and the cervix, like a

That, and you have to deal with what is arguably a bizarre sort of stomach indigestion for nine months. Makes me feel sheepish for worrying about whether that quarter I swallowed playing quarters three weeks ago will make it through my large intestine.

Since ultimately both sexes can die of pain shock, I see no point in trying to pick a winner. Pointing out that a kick to the balls hurts more than a shot to the boobs would be pointless since women spend the better half of their lives in hormonal turmoil anyways. All we really need is, from this day forward, a gender-wide commitment to devote the male groin and the female chest to sexual pleasure, not to injury.

For questions, comments or to wish Daniel a happy 22nd birthday today, preferably not gifting him with a kick to the balls, write to dgingras@calpoly.edu.

## What does the other sex have to say?



“Love is fun and wild and horrible all at once, and the best thing to do is realize that and then relax. You'll probably never avoid all the snares, but that's part of the thrill of it.”

**STAFF COMMENTARY**

## Bicyclists should stick to the driving laws too

**I** was walking from the parking structure to building 26 and had to cross the street at South Perimeter and Via Carta. Before I stepped into the crosswalk, I looked for cars and other hazards.

I had barely stepped out when a bicyclist, in the car lane, came flying by, almost hitting me after ignoring the stop sign.

The rider's action angered me and it made wonder whether I was wrong or if it was the rider's fault.

Since this incident, I have noticed bicyclists that don't stop at stop signs, ride through the crosswalks, cut across the street illegally and fail to use proper hand signals when turning.

There are bicyclists that do

obey the laws and have proper riding etiquette but the majority fail in this department.

According to a study done by the University Police Department in 2003, 18 percent of those surveyed rode their bicycles to school daily.

Unfortunately, this was the last study done. Since then, gas prices have risen and I am sure the number of people riding bicycles has too.

I feel that bicyclists riding through campus don't pay enough attention to the rules and regulations. I went online to check out those rules and regulations for bicycles and found a government Web site that lists them. I also found that most of my anger is justified.

All of the following laws were found in the California Vehicle Code Sections 21200-21212. I suggest checking them out before riding a bicycle.

The No. 1 problem is bicyclists in the car lane who do not use hand signals. It's been a couple years since I took my driver's license test but I am pretty sure I had to know them.

The No. 2 action that drives me nuts is not stopping at the stop sign. People, we learned that stop means don't go. This is something we were taught when we were little and we continue to use it every day. For some reason, the red sign with the white letters fails to penetrate bicyclists' minds.

The third broken law is bicy-

clists weaving from the bicycle lane to the car lane. The law states that bicyclists should only move out of the bicycle lane when avoiding obstacles or to make a left-hand turn.

These are just a few of the major actions I notice. I am sure there are more because on several occasions I have seen UPD sitting on Via Carta handing out tickets to bicyclists breaking the law.

I know that riding a bicycle is beneficial to the environment, saves money and is great exercise, but there are also laws regarding riding bicycles.

Laws, not suggestions.

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LETTERS  
TO THE EDITOR**'Justice for All' forgot to display the important stuff**

After last week's exhibit on Dexter Lawn, I have several concerns about such an exhibit returning to campus next year. While staring at unborn fetuses I had to wonder where are the exhibits showing the problems with adoption and keeping an unexpected baby. Where are the signs showing pictures of to-be adopted babies who were victim to their mother's crack, smoking or alcohol habits while fetuses? How many mothers take care of themselves properly when they give their children up for adoption? Where are the pictures of children abused and scarred due to abusive parents who never wanted children in the first place?

This exhibit only showed us two things: aborted fetuses and smiling, healthy children. Are we a society that believes that life is the most important thing in this world? How much does the quality of life matter to us? Do we believe in children or do we believe in happy and healthy children?

This is not an issue about death — this issue is about life and more importantly a happy life. We all can agree that every child should be born healthy into loving arms. Perhaps there is a middle ground that we all can reach. Perhaps abortion is OK at such times when the mother is not ready to bring a child into this world: the baby is likely to be born with birth defects and problems, the baby is unlikely to find a happy home (raised by unloving parents or bad adoption possibilities), or the baby's birth is likely to harm the mother.

**Ethan Weisinger**  
English senior

**Abortions are being used as a form of birth control**

I would like to comment on Ms. Kasavan's letter regarding the "Justice for All" exhibit. In her first

paragraph, she states that there were people left feeling more confused and uncertain about where they stand on the issue of abortion after viewing the exhibit. Since I would have a hard time believing that a pro-life individual would suddenly be pro-abortion after having seen this display, I can only infer that the confused and uncertain individuals would be those who initially supported abortion. Thus, I would have to conclude that the exhibit accomplished its goal.

In her following paragraph, she mentions the 4,000 abortions are performed per day but then tries to equate that to rape, broken condoms or the inability to afford or access birth control — give me a break! There's no way that there are 4,000 rapes or broken condoms per day or any combination thereof. Now, if all these women can't afford birth control, how can they suddenly afford the abortion? Let's get down to a scenario that's more believable — the majority of abortions are being used as birth control by people who made a poor choice to begin with. If they've already made one bad choice, why should I believe that their next choice (i.e. abortion) will suddenly result in better judgment on their part?

Ms. Kasavan ends her letter stating "education leads to empowerment" so may I assume that college-educated women never get abortions (except for the oft-repeated exceptions of rape, incest or the life of the mother)? If that's her conclusion, I'm not buying it.

**Kevin Cumblidge**  
Cal Poly alumnus, 2002

**Why are mechanical engineers so opinionated?**

So I have one question: What's with all the mechanical engineers writing letters to the editor? I open a Mustang Daily every other day or so and every time I read the letters to the editor, there is always at least one ME author. I just want to know if there is a reason for this. Is the explanation that MEs are more opinionated than

any other majors on campus? Could it be that they have more time to write letters than other majors? Could MEs just have more interesting things to talk about than other people? I make no presumptions or insinuations about this — just stating an observation. I'm just, ultimately, curious.

**Matt Fritch**  
Physics senior

**Stacey Anderson, you're my hero**

Let's face it: the Mustang Daily is becoming boring. Jack Ingram had his moment in the sun, but now he's repetitive. Brian Eller's still looking for a way to "Ingram-up" his articles, but they, for the most part, put me to sleep. Even the sex commentaries are full of clichés that cause me to crumple up the paper and find the nearest trash can. And don't even get me started on the Two Classy Gents.

The missing element: emotional writing. The other writers don't seem to know how to express themselves. I'm not claiming I know how. I'll be the first to admit that my writing sucks. But I can recognize good writing when I see it, and I see it in The Art Beat.

Week after week, Stacey Anderson writes amazing articles. She has a range of writing skills from creating humorous pieces to crafting passionate articles.

Her interviews are always great because she asks intriguing questions. Plus her taste in music is excellent, making it easy for me as the reader to want to read the article. However, even if the band is of no interest to me, I still find myself reading along.

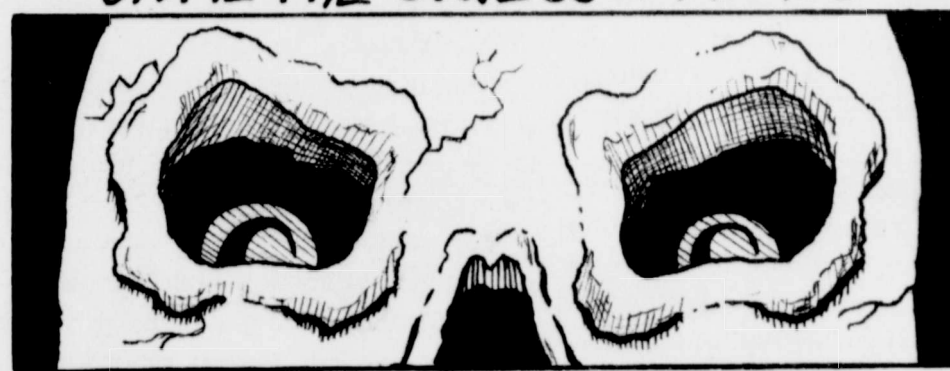
One of her best articles was "Ten



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Ruminations Upon Watching MTV's 10 Spot" where she manages to completely tear apart the very foundation that MTV and its followers stand upon in only 10 points. She made some of the most hilarious observations about MTV and pop culture in general that I've ever read.

Mostly, I wrote this letter to comment on the greatness that is the two-part article about Anderson, her father and Brian Wilson. Just the fact that she bitched out Melinda Wilson via e-

mail and still got to interview Brian Wilson is amazing. Even more amazing was her telling of the story. I went through every emotion she did as the story went along. And the added touch of family loyalty was brilliant.

Anderson knows what she is doing. I see that she is a senior, which may mean she won't be around next year. I hope to see her return next year and excite my Wednesdays yet again.

**Brad Scholten**  
Mathematics junior

## STAFF COMMENTARY

## With the right attitude, music can play up confidence

When I was little, I took piano lessons. I started at age 9, and continued through high school. For those nine years, nothing in the world could faze me when my fingers touched those smooth, slick keys. To this day, memories of playing duets with my grandmother sitting beside me, or of playing whichever piece struck my fancy while my parents prepared dinner still run through my head from time to time. Had I not started playing the piano my life would have taken a dramatically different path. Music has driven me to take risks that I would not have otherwise taken.

Strangely enough, it's an escape mechanism for me. Many nights, while cramming for an exam, I have lost myself in "Polynesian Nocturne" or "Nights in Spain" and

momentarily forgotten about the pending doom coming the next morning. Had I not started playing the piano, what thoughts would I use to get away from that stress?

Even as a child, I used to come home from school and play for an hour or so before I started my homework. Yes, there were times when I had to practice a certain exercise over and over and over again to get it right, and yes, it did get frustrating at times, but I worked at it. After all, it was better than sitting down to a page full of algebra. Had I not started playing the piano, what would I do to burn time before attempting homework?

The one thing that I didn't fully realize as a young girl was that I had something that I excelled at, and that was special. I had friends who were jocks and friends whose sole pur-

pose in life was to have as many friends as possible, and for some reason I always strove to be like them — to a point. It got tiring, and the only thing I really enjoyed was playing the piano. In the end, I always had my piano lessons to feel good about. Had I not started playing the piano, I would have exhausted myself trying to be like the cool kids.

Somewhere around my freshman or sophomore year of high school, I found myself at a crossroads. I could be a rebel, refusing to follow in my mother's footsteps and never sing in a four-part harmony chorus and quartet, or I could suck it up, cake on the layers of hideous orange face makeup and fluorescent pink and blue eye shadow, drown myself in sequins and see where it took me.

Such a decision would have

amounted to social suicide in some circles, but it was with this decision that I finally woke up. I didn't have to model my life around what I thought the popular girls would approve of. Besides, I had my musical background already. If I didn't like singing, I could always go back to the piano bench.

Ultimately, it was the piano lessons that gave me the confidence and courage to buck the trend. I finally had a truly unique hobby: I was a Sweet Adelines singer. Nobody else in the whole school could say that.

To this day, I am still surprised every time at people's reactions when I talk about my experience with the Sweet Adelines organization. I hesitate to reveal the intimate details of the tedious task of gluing on false eyelashes, lest they think I'm

a closet freak with a sideshow on the weekends, yet when they hear about what it's like to face an audience from the stage with full lights, they are amazed, enthusiastic and immediately enthralled. I always expect them to either laugh hysterically, look at me cross-eyed or run away in horror, but by the end of the conversation, I have them eating out of the palm of my hand. Would I have found the courage to talk about Sweet Adelines without the confidence that playing the piano as a child built?

I found coolness and popularity by accident. It took me a while, but it sure as hell beats blending in. Unless it's blending in the hideous orange face makeup.

Kelly Cope is a journalism senior and Mustang Daily staff writer.



## Supreme Court overrules public worker free speech

Julia Erlandson  
DAILY BRUIN (UCLA)

LOS ANGELES — The Supreme Court ruled Tuesday that free speech rights do not apply to government employees who speak out against official misconduct as part of their jobs, a decision some say could contribute to abuse of power by discouraging whistle-blowers from coming forward.

In a 5-4 decision, with new Justice Samuel Alito casting the deciding vote, the high court ruled that government whistle-blowers can be disciplined for what they say as part of their jobs, but they are protected by the First Amendment when they speak out as citizens on issues of civic discourse.

University of California officials said the ruling would not affect UC employees because the UC already has policies to protect whistle-blowers.

The case involved Richard Ceballos, a Los Angeles County prosecutor who said he was denied a promotion and demoted after he wrote a memo accusing his superiors of lying in an affidavit for a search warrant.

Ceballos filed a lawsuit claiming his employer's actions were unconstitutional because they violated his right to free speech.

The Supreme Court decision overturned an appeals court decision in Ceballos' favor.

In his majority opinion for the Court, Justice Anthony Kennedy said government officials have the right to monitor the accuracy and quality of their employees' work.

"Supervisors must ensure that their employees' official communications are accurate, demonstrate sound judgment, and promote the employer's mission," Kennedy wrote.

UCLA School of Law Professor Eugene Volokh said the reason Ceballos' First Amendment rights were not protected in this case is because part of his job was to determine whether law enforcement was doing its job properly.

"If an employee is supposed to, as part of his job, say something or write something, his superiors have the right to consider what he says as part of an evaluation," he said.

Volokh added that once Ceballos' superiors determined his accusations to be inaccurate, they were within their rights to discipline him.

But representatives of national government watchdog organizations said the ruling could discourage government employees from reporting illegal activity.

"In an age of excessive government secrecy, the Supreme Court has made it easier to engage in a government cover-up by discouraging internal whistle-blowing," said Steven Shapiro, national legal director for the American Civil Liberties Union.

Jennifer Ward, a spokeswoman for the UC, said the ruling will not affect whistle-blowers within the university.

"Nothing in our policy is going to change," she said. "We already have protections in place, so this shouldn't discourage any whistle-blowers."

The UC's whistle-blower policy outlines a specific process by which complaints must be filed and investigated and includes a section on protection for employees who speak out.

Volokh said it is important to note that the ruling does not completely strip government employees of their First Amendment rights, as they retain all free speech rights so long as they are not speaking in connection with their jobs. Examples of these forms of speech include writing a letter to a newspaper or legislator.

Professors at public universities are considered government employees, and though the ruling did not directly address questions of academic freedom, Volokh said scholarship could be affected in the future.

The Supreme Court did not specify whether professors can be disciplined for presenting inaccurate information to students in their published works, even though presenting accurate information is part of a professor's job, Volokh said.

But he added that lower courts have usually upheld scholars' right to free speech in their academic writings.

## Gas prices expected to hit \$4

Megan Bingham  
THE DAILY UNIVERSE (BYU)

PROVO, Utah — Students may think twice about taking a road trip this summer.

Experts are predicting gas rates to peak at four dollars a gallon this summer, according to an article in the Chicago Sun-Times. Experts say the four-dollar rate is assuming no changes occur in the Middle Eastern situation and no major natural disasters occur, like last year's Hurricane Katrina.

The national average for gasoline is \$2.93 a gallon, which is 80 cents higher than last summer, according to the American Automobile Association website. While the gas prices have continued to rise steadily this year, it isn't hard to believe prices could hit four dollars.

Like motorists across the country, Provo residents have also felt the pinch at the pump. Prices have gone up by 59 cents since just last month and even though the current \$2.88 is below the national average, prices were 69 cents lower last summer.

"I'm shocked and appalled," said JaNae Besendorfer, a senior from Nephi, Utah. "It will just be so expensive to go anywhere."

However, not everyone believes gasoline will hit the predicted four dollars.

"I think it will cap," said Mukesh Bindraban, as he worked the counter at the 7-eleven on University

Avenue. "I think they're having a problem keeping that price up."

Bindraban's 7-eleven currently has the lowest prices in Provo, Utah, according to AAA, a fact that Bindraban is proud of. He said he keeps the prices down and makes less profit because he knows his customers are students.

Despite considerations like these, students will still have to budget for higher gasoline prices this summer.

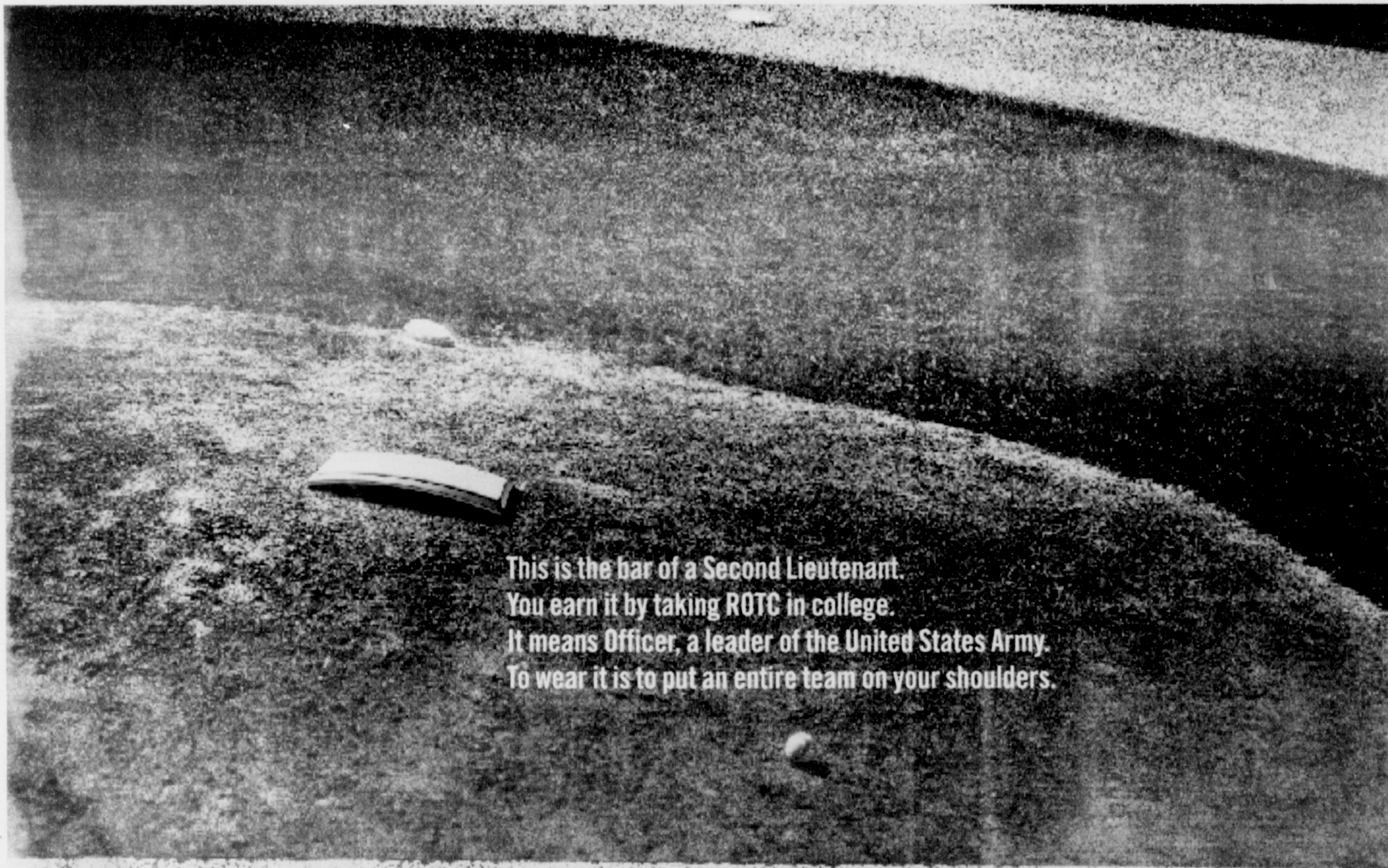
Besendorfer said if gas hits \$4 dollars a gallon, she would have to better plan trips to the store. She also anticipated tuition increases at BYU.

"I don't know how else they would fund it," she said. "They have to fund it somehow."

But tuition increases hadn't even occurred to BYU's Director of Transportation Services, Scott Sherwood. He said he had no idea about that. Sherwood said Transportation Services would continue using conservation methods as gas prices climb.

"We do a lot of conservation measures and we're trying some different measures to eliminate idle time, but we haven't come out and made another policy," Sherwood said. "We're hoping people use some common sense."

Sherwood believes there may come a time when a more firm policy will need to be created, but current conservation methods are working well.



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## International briefs

**BASRA, Iraq** — Iraq's prime minister declared a state of emergency Wednesday in once peaceful and oil-rich Basra, as the sectarian and militia violence engulfing the country's capital spread to its southern economic heartland.

In his first major policy speech since his government was sworn in May 20, Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki vowed to restore security in Iraq as attacks around the country claimed 25 lives and wounded dozens.

"We shall use an iron fist against the leaders of the gangs or those who threaten security," he said, apparently referring to the militias as well as rival tribal groups. "And we shall ask all security departments to draw up an effective and quick plan to achieve security."

— The Associated Press

**HO CHI MINH CITY, Vietnam** — The United States and Vietnam signed a trade pact Wednesday that removes one of the last major hurdles in Hanoi's bid to join the World Trade Organization.

The deal would knock down remaining trade barriers between the two countries, which saw bilateral trade rise 21.6 percent to nearly \$8 billion last year, by ending U.S. quotas on Vietnamese textiles and garments and giving American companies greater access to a growing Southeast Asian market.

It also paves the way for Vietnam to reach its goal of becoming a member of the global trading body before Hanoi hosts the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation summit in November, which President Bush is scheduled to attend.

A vote in the U.S. Congress is still needed for the pact to take effect.

— The Associated Press

**KABUL, Afghanistan** — Afghanistan's parliament has approved a motion calling for the government to prosecute the U.S. soldiers responsible for a deadly road crash that sparked the worst riots in Kabul in years, officials said Wednesday.

The assembly passed the non-binding motion Tuesday, after debating Monday's crash in which a U.S. truck plowed into a line of cars, killing up to five Afghans and sparking citywide, anti-foreigner riots, said Saleh Mohammed Saljuqi, an assistant to the parliamentary speaker.

"Those responsible for the accident on Monday should be handed over to Afghan legal authorities," Saljuqi cited the motion as saying.

— The Associated Press

**TEHRAN, Iran** — The official Iranian news agency said Wednesday the U.S. offer to join in direct talks with Iran about its disputed nuclear program was "a propaganda move."

The American proposal, a major policy shift after decades without official public contact between the two countries, was made conditional on Iran agreeing to stop its uranium enrichment activities.

— The Associated Press

## Violence breaks out anew in still-smoldering French suburbs

Pierre-Yves Roger  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

**MONTFERMEIL, France** — Riot police deployed in force to a troubled Paris suburb Tuesday night after youths hurled gasoline bombs at public buildings and pelted police with rocks, a stark reminder of last year's more widespread violence.

Dozens of vans carrying riot officers were stationed in Montfermeil, just 10 miles east of such Paris landmarks as the Eiffel Tower or the Louvre, and in the nearby suburb of Clichy-sous-Bois, the flash point of riots last year. A surveillance helicopter buzzed over the region.

While there were no immediate reports of a repeat of the violence of the night before, a firebomb was thrown inside a police vehicle, setting it ablaze late Tuesday. Officers inside escaped and there were no injuries.

The first overnight clashes Monday and the tensions again

Tuesday were a stark reminder of the anger that smolders in depressed French suburbs, despite new government efforts to tackle high youth unemployment and racial inequalities following the three weeks of similar, albeit far worse, rioting last fall that shook the country.

National police said nine officers suffered light injuries, mostly from rocks and other projectiles, during the three hours of unrest in Montfermeil on Monday.

Police said they made three arrests and fired rubber pellets to try to disperse the roughly 100 youths.

The trigger was the arrest Monday afternoon of a suspect in the beating of a bus driver earlier this month, the mayor's office said.

Mayor Xavier Lemoine said he witnessed that first attack on the driver and had interceded to stop it.

He told The Associated Press that about 100 people headed toward his house shouting insults, but police

interceded.

He said gasoline bombs were thrown at city hall and that a separate municipal storeroom was partially burned. City hall also suffered two broken windows.

The rioting last year started after two youths were electrocuted while hiding from police in a power substation.

Many of those who rioted were from immigrant families, laying bare decades of discrimination and France's failure to integrate immigrants and provide opportunities for impoverished youth.

Youths from the neighborhood where Monday night's violence broke out said little had changed since then and that their suburbs remain tinderboxes.

"All we need is a pretext for everything to begin again," said Joana, 15. Like other youths in the neighborhood, she refused to give her surname, saying she feared trou-

ble from police or her peers.

Tension in Montfermeil has remained high since the mayor last month banned teenagers from circulating in groups of more than three, and ordered those to be accompanied by an adult in public. A court later overturned the bans after protests from civil liberties groups.

Youths also blamed stepped-up police patrols in Montfermeil for contributing to tensions.

Greens lawmaker Noel Mamere said that after last year's riots, France had simply put "the lid on the pot" of its troubled suburbs.

"But it is still boiling and the fire can start again with the slightest spark," he said.

Such violence could loom large as a campaign issue in presidential and legislative elections next year, and tackling youth unemployment and persistent inequalities will be key challenges for President Jacques Chirac's successor.

## Wounded CBS correspondent breathing on ventilator, recognizes boyfriend

David Rising  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

**BERLIN** — A CBS News correspondent critically wounded by a car bomb in Iraq that killed two colleagues was heavily sedated and breathing through a ventilator Wednesday at a U.S. military hospital in Germany, a spokeswoman said.

Still, Kimberly Dozier reacted to the arrival of her family and boyfriend, according to CBS and Landstuhl Regional Medical Center spokeswoman Marie Shaw.

When her boyfriend visited, "she was aware of his presence," Shaw said.

Dozier, an American, was flown to the hospital in southern Germany on Tuesday after sustaining critical injuries on Memorial Day when a car bomb exploded, killing two colleagues, a U.S. soldier and an Iraqi translator.

Dozier, 39, is still in intensive care in critical condition. However, she is now considered stable and the ventilator is a routine measure, Shaw said.

"On the ventilator, it's easier for her to get the oxygen level she needs," she added.

Shaw said she could not speculate on when Dozier may be able to go home, but she said patients usually stay at Landstuhl an average of three to four days before being flown to the United States for further care.

"She has to be stable enough to sustain the flight," she said.

Dozier, who CBS said was wearing a flak vest at the time of the explosion, is being treated for head and lower body injuries, Shaw said. She also was visited Wednesday by her parents, brother, sister and sister-in-law, Shaw and CBS said.

Dozier was traveling in a U.S. military convoy with cameraman Paul Douglas and soundman James Brolan for a story about Memorial Day in Iraq when the car bomb exploded.

CBS News reported on its Web site that the three journalists — all embedded with the 4th Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division — had been in an armored Humvee.

However, at the time of the blast they were outside on the street, accompanying troops who had stopped to inspect a checkpoint manned by the Iraqi army. CBS said they were wearing helmets, flak jackets and protective eyeglasses.

The attack killed Douglas, 48, and Brolan, 42, both British citizens.

The families of Douglas and Brolan will accompany the bodies of their loved ones to London on

Thursday, the network said.

Dozens of journalists have been injured, killed or kidnapped in Iraq since the 2003 U.S.-led invasion toppled Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein.

Before Monday's attack, the New York-based Committee to Protect Journalists had put the number of journalists killed in Iraq at 69. Of those, nearly three-fourths were Iraqis.

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# Aid pours into Indonesian earthquake zone as death toll tops 6,200

Chris Brummitt  
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BANTUL, Indonesia — Medicines, rice, water and tarps were delivered to Indonesia's earthquake disaster zone Wednesday to help about 650,000 displaced people, but many said the international aid was taking too long to get there.

Thousands of women and children lined roads clogged with relief vehicles and curious onlookers, asking motorists for money so they could buy food. Some stood next to a banner that read: "Don't just look. Help."

Saturday's 6.3-magnitude quake on Java island killed 6,234 people and injured more than 30,000, the Social Affairs Ministry said.

The main hospital in hardest-hit Bantul district remained overwhelmed, with patients cramming corridors or sleeping on pieces of cardboard in the parking lot, and doctors complained about a lack of supplies.

The United Nations said the crisis appeared to be easing with the arrival of aid workers from more than 20 countries, and Indonesia's president said he had enough confidence in the relief efforts to return to the capital, Jakarta.



An earthquake survivor who lost her husband in Saturday's earthquake collect her belongings from the ruins of her house in Bantul, near the Indonesia city of Yogyakarta, Indonesia, Wednesday.

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"Certainly, a lot more needs to be done," Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono said.

But he said roads had been cleared, the main airport's runway repaired and reopened, and electricity restored in some areas.

The temblor that struck soon after dawn reduced more than 135,000 houses into piles of bricks, tiles and wood in less than a minute, displacing some 647,000 people, said Bambang

Priyohadi, a provincial official.

Nearly a third of them now live under plastic sheets close to their former homes, in rice fields or on roadsides, while the rest are staying with relatives, he said.

Their misery has been compounded by days of intermittent rain and blazing sun, with another downfall dousing the region Wednesday.

Getting food and fresh water to survivors remained a pressing concern, with some \$5 million needed

over the next few months to pay for emergency rations of enriched noodles and high-energy biscuits, the U.N. World Food Program said.

Many villagers complained they were not getting the help they needed.

"All we got today was a half-kilogram (one pound) of rice," said Ratimah, 60, who has a family of four to feed. "It's not enough."

But Jan Egeland, the U.N.'s top humanitarian official, said the aid effort appeared to be going well overall, with major improvements in coordination among aid organizations and nations since the 2004 tsunami that killed 131,000 people in Indonesia's Aceh province alone.

Conditions improved at two hospitals in the area, where parking lots and hallways filled with hundreds of victims in the days after the quake were clear, with most patients now being treated in beds.

The main hospital in Bantul was still overwhelmed, however, with more than 400 patients for just over 100 beds.

"We are short of splints, gauze, even beds," said Dr. Hidayat, the hospital's emergency coordinator, adding that 90 percent of the victims had bone fractures. "The minute we get fresh splints, they are gone."

Chinese doctors treated patients at a field hospital, while U.S. Marines set up their own emergency medical unit in a soccer stadium in Bantul district.

"The conditions are tragic, but the guys and gals were absolutely ecstatic to leave at a moment's notice," said 1st Lt. Eric Tausch of a U.S. Marine division based in Okinawa, Japan.

## Bird flu explodes in Indonesia, one death every 2 1/2 days in May

Margie Mason  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

JAKARTA, Indonesia — Indonesia averaged one human bird flu death every 2 1/2 days in May, putting it on pace to soon surpass Vietnam as the world's hardest-hit country.

The latest death, announced Wednesday, was a 15-year-old boy whose preliminary tests were positive for the H5N1 virus. It comes as international health officials express growing frustration that they must fight Indonesia's bureaucracy as well as the disease.

"We're trying to fix this leak in the roof, and there's a storm," World Health Organization spokesman Dick Thompson said. "The storm is that the virus is in animals almost everywhere and the lack of effective attention that's being addressed to the problem."

Indonesia, an archipelago of 17,000 islands with a population of 220 million people, has a patchwork of local, regional and national bureaucracies that often send mixed messages. The impression, health officials said, is often that no one is truly at the helm.

"I don't think anyone can understand it unless you come here and see it for yourself," said Steven Bjorge, a WHO epidemiologist in Jakarta. "The amount of decentralization here is breathtaking."

He said Health Ministry officials often meet with outside experts to formulate plans to fight bird flu, but they are rarely implemented.

"Their power only extends to the walls of their office," Bjorge said, adding that the advice must reach nearly 450 districts, where local officials then decide whether to take action.

Indonesia has undergone a some-

times rocky transition to democracy since dictator Suharto was ousted in 1998, with many powers held by the central government being transferred to regional and community control.

But the process has been haphazard, and funding and policy decisions are often at the whim of inexperienced officials, mayors and village heads.

National government officials concede there is a problem.

"The local government has the money, thus the power to decide what to prioritize," said Hariyadi Wibisono, director of communicable disease control at the Ministry of Health. "If some district sees bird flu as not important, then we have a problem."

Indonesia has logged at least 36 human deaths in the past year — 25 since January — and is expected to soon eclipse Vietnam's 42 fatalities. The two countries make up the bulk of the world's 127 total deaths since the virus began spreading in Asian poultry stocks in late 2003.

Attention has been fixed on one village on Sumatra island where six of seven relatives died of bird flu. An eighth family member was buried before samples were collected, but the WHO considers her part of the cluster.

Experts have not been able to make a direct link between the relatives and infected birds, which has led them to suspect limited human-to-human transmission. But no one outside the family of blood relatives — no spouses — has fallen ill and experts say the virus has not mutated.

Scientists believe human-to-human transmission has occurred in a few other smaller family clusters, all involving blood relatives. Experts theorize that may mean some people have a genetic susceptibility to the disease.

On Wednesday, WHO said 54 uninfected relatives and contacts of the Indonesian family cluster are under quarantine and are taking the antiviral drug Tamiflu and being monitored by health workers. The quarantine is voluntary and the teams are also visiting all the homes in the 400-household village in North Sumatra to look for signs of illness. It said there are no signs the disease has spread since May 22.

Bird flu remains hard for people to catch, and most human cases have been traced to contact with infected birds. Experts fear the virus will mutate into a highly contagious form that passes easily among people, possible sparking a pandemic.

Experts say the best way to battle bird flu in Indonesia is to tackle it in poultry. But that message is not always getting through. Many local governments have refused to carry out mass poultry slaughters in infected areas, and vaccination has been sporadic at best.

Such measures helped other hard-hit countries like Vietnam and Thailand curb outbreaks. Both have strong central governments that have taken a leading role in the effort.

The U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization has been working with officials to improve poultry surveillance in Indonesia and quicken response times to outbreaks.

But public awareness and bio-security standards remain low in the densely populated countryside, home to hundreds of millions of backyard chickens.

"It's not quite so easy here, where you have to have the local authorities and provincial authorities and national all on board," said Jeff Mariner, an animal health expert from Tufts University working with the FAO in Jakarta.

## U.N: World has not lived up to promises on fighting AIDS

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UNITED NATIONS — The world has fallen far short of its promises five years ago to fight HIV/AIDS, U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan warned leaders meeting Wednesday to find new ways to tackle the virus.

A day after a major U.N. report found the disease had slowed in its spread, Annan told delegates that efforts to fight AIDS among women and children had failed and that young people still have little understanding of AIDS.

The virus "has spread further, faster and with more catastrophic long-term effects than any other disease," Annan said. "Its impact has become a devastating obstacle to the progress of humankind."

Annan's words were meant to impart a sense of urgency to the first day of the three-day General Assembly High-Level Meeting on AIDS, which comes a week before the 25th anniversary of the first documented AIDS cases — June 5, 1981.

Several heads of state and dozens of government officials will seek to craft a document that charts a course to provide universal access for AIDS prevention and treatment by 2010.

"Your big task now is making sure that this declaration is not a document of empty promises, not a mere restatement of principle but a platform for target-based action," said Khensani Mavasa, a representative of the Treatment Action Campaign.

The United Nations said Mavasa was the first HIV-positive person to ever address the U.N. General Assembly.

The meeting also will review promises made in a similar conference in 2001 that is largely credited

with putting forth the first comprehensive plan for combatting the disease.

Most of those targets have not been met. Among the biggest failures was the so-called "3 by 5" target — of getting treatment to 3 million poor people infected with AIDS by the end of last year.

Peter Piot, head of the U.N. AIDS agency, said he hoped the meeting will generate new funding to fight the disease, which needs between \$18 billion and \$22 billion each year to be fought effectively. It gets about \$10 billion a year now.

"We need to commit to a strategic approach that recognizes AIDS both as a long-term priority as well as an emergency that requires an immediate response," Piot said. "In other words, we need to run a marathon at the pace of a sprint."

According to the report released Tuesday, nearly 40 million people worldwide are living with HIV/AIDS. India now has the largest number of AIDS infections, but the epidemic still remains at its worst in sub-Saharan Africa, where per capita rates continue to climb in several countries.

A third of adults were infected in Swaziland in 2005. By comparison, India's per capita rate is low, at 0.9 percent of its 1.1 billion people.

Women's vulnerability to the disease continues to increase, with more than 17 million women infected worldwide — nearly half the global total — and more than three-quarters of them living in sub-Saharan Africa, the report found.

HIV/AIDS activists and civil society groups arriving at the United Nations for the three-day event warned that countries appear reluctant to set new targets to fight the disease and will shy away from making any major promises.





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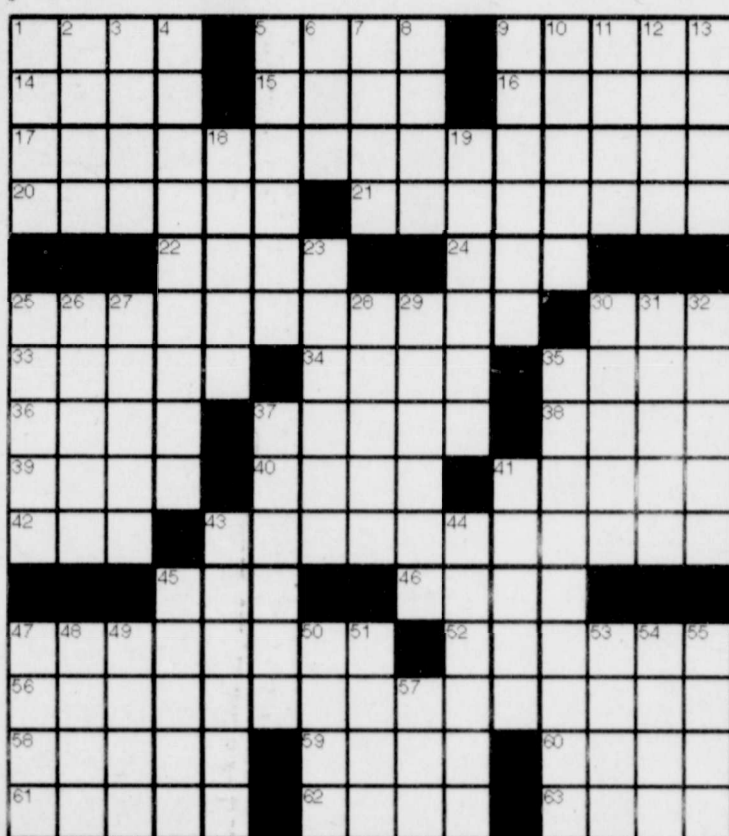
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- ACROSS**
- Entice
  - One appointed by God, to believers
  - Cub's rival
  - Aquatic plant
  - Soup that often contains tofu
  - Clinch
  - Seek a conclusion?
  - Entice
  - When symptoms flare up
  - Line on a graph
  - E.R. personnel
  - Didn't opt for Olestra?
  - Cheerer
  - Sharpened
  - Bring in

- City where Dr Pepper was invented
- Smidgen
- Alternative to Virginia Slims
- Dying words
- "Forget \_\_\_!"
- Thor's father
- Nasty
- Easy mark
- Soak one's superior?
- \_\_\_ polloi
- Litigant
- Lollapaloozas
- Preserved, in a way
- Statement right after plastic surgery?
- Unloyal
- Adress Campbell
- Pitts of old films

### DOWN

- Diamond object
- Diamond family name
- Borodin's operatic prince
- Rest one's dogs
- "It's being taken care of"
- Russian space station
- Whodunit dog
- Mineralogist Friedrich
- Way up
- Frequent Navratilova opponent
- Lacking depth
- Bait-and-switch, e.g.
- Pundit's piece
- Having the winner prearranged
- Captivated
- Hardly mint condition
- I.O.U.'s
- Kerfuffle
- Like some beer
- Bone-chilling
- Passes out
- One-named Italian model



Puzzle by Joe DiPietro

- Etching fluids
- I.O.U.'s
- Came in third
- Cattle calls?
- Teacher's summons
- Jeered
- Stunned crowd reactions
- Hermann who won a Nobel for Literature
- Seeds of a divorce
- Open slightly
- Raj
- An extremely long time
- Aerobic instructor's word
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4th in Big West

**JIMMY VAN OSTRAND, SENIOR** — First Team All-Conference first baseman, led team in home runs (13) and RBIs (49)

**MATT CANEPA, JUNIOR** — First Team All-Conference catcher, batted .326 and had 35 RBIs

**JOSH LANSFORD, JUNIOR** — Second Team All-Conference third baseman, led team in batting average at .353, second in RBIs (39) and third in home runs (7)

## SOFTBALL

27-23 overall, 11-7 Big West  
3rd in Big West

**LISA MODGLIN, JUNIOR** — First Team All-Conference outfielder, led team with .343 batting average and 37 RBIs, second in home runs (6)

**ROBYN KONTRA, SOPHOMORE** — Second Team All-Conference pitcher, 15-11 record, 2.57 ERA

**CHELSEA GREEN, SENIOR** — Second Team All-Conference outfielder, .280 batting average, third on team in home runs (5) and RBIs (30)

## GOLF

MEN — 1ST IN BIG WEST  
WOMEN — 5TH IN BIG WEST

**TRAVIS BERTONI, SENIOR** — PING All-Pacific Region team, Big West Golfer of the Year, No. 4 on NCAA all-time victories list with 11

**DAVID LEWINSKI, SOPHOMORE** — Tied for fifth at Big West Championships, tied Bertoni for 38th at West Regionals

**ALLISON WING, SOPHOMORE** — Top women's finisher at Big West Championships (Tied for 16th), three top-20 finishes and one top-10 finish

## TRACK & FIELD

MEN — 2ND IN BIG WEST  
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**DEIRDRE BYRNE, SENIOR** — Big West 1,500 champ, NCAA qualifier, fourth all-time on Cal Poly 1,500 list (4:17.74)

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## MEN'S TENNIS

14-9 overall, 0-3 Big West  
Semifinals at Big West tournament

**JOHN NGUYEN, SENIOR** — First Team All-Conference in singles and doubles play, 22-8 overall singles record, 25-7 with Brett Van Linge in doubles competition

**BRETT VAN LINGE, SENIOR** — First Team All-Conference in doubles, second team in singles, 16-12 overall singles record

**MATT BACA, JUNIOR** — Second Team All-Conference in singles, honorable mention in doubles while teaming with Fred Dewitte

## WOMEN'S TENNIS

12-10 overall, 6-3 Big West  
Semifinals at Big West tourney

**SAMANTHA WALLER, SENIOR** — First Team All-Conference singles and doubles, 7-4 doubles record with Carol Erickson

**CAROL ERICKSON, SOPHOMORE** — First Team All-Conference doubles, honorable mention in singles, 20-9 overall singles record

**DANON BEATTY, FRESHMAN** — Second Team All-Conference in singles, 13-11 overall singles record

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